

■ Guide To Career Choices

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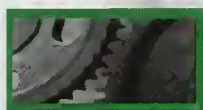
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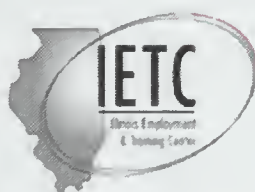
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ENTRY : The mean (average) of the bottom third of wages in an occupation.
 MEDIAN: Half of the workers in the occupation earn more than this wage; half earn less.
 EXPERIENCED : The mean of the top two-thirds of wages in an occupation.

HS > High School diploma or equivalent
 AD > Associate Degree of Arts/Science
 community college, 2 years
 BA/BS > Bachelor of Arts/Science degree
 colleges/universities, 4 years



OUTLOOK

HOURLY WAGES

Career Opportunities	2008 EMPLOYMENT	LONG-TERM OUTLOOK	SHORT-TERM FORECAST	ENTRY	MEDIAN	EXPERIENCED	EDUCATION AND TRAINING
Child Care Workers	33,494	VF	VF	\$5.70	\$7.34	\$8.71	Two years of college-level child care courses or one year of college and experience + completion of CDA credential program.
Home Health Aides	20,127	VF	VF	\$6.24	\$8.13	\$9.11	HS; state-approved training is required by licensed home health agencies.
Human Services Workers	15,955	VF	VF	\$7.01	\$10.58	\$13.20	HS may meet requirements, but some college work in field is preferred.
Adult Non-Vocational Education Instructors	6,535	F	F	\$6.25	\$10.65	\$14.14	BS is required to teach adult basic education courses.
Nursing Aides & Orderlies	61,825	VF	VF	\$6.75	\$7.76	\$8.60	HS and state-approved training are required.
Occupational Therapists	5,113	VF	VF	\$14.01	\$24.18	\$29.35	BS in occupational therapy, including six months of clinical internship. May require a master's degree.
Personal & Home Care Aides	17,017	VF	VF	\$5.49	\$7.08	\$10.34	Most skills are learned on the job.
Psychologists	5,621	F	F	\$16.03	\$24.06	\$35.24	A doctoral degree is generally required for clinical or counseling positions.
Recreational Therapists	1,279	UF	F	\$7.16	\$12.40	\$16.24	BS in therapeutic recreation is the usual requirement. An AD may suffice for activity directors in nursing homes.
Residential Counselors	7,747	VF	VF	\$6.65	\$9.67	\$12.47	Most employers prefer a degree in a related field.
Social Workers, Except Medical & Psychiatric	22,757	VF	VF	\$10.31	\$15.51	\$18.46	A BS (BSW) in social work or a related field is generally required. Most supervisory and administrative positions require a master's degree.
Medical & Psychiatric Social Workers	11,461	VF	VF	\$10.25	\$14.34	\$19.05	In health and mental health settings, a master's degree (MSW) in social work is generally required.
Special Education Teachers	24,217	VF	VF	\$15.27	\$21.26	\$26.43	BS or the completion of an approved training program with specific number of credit hours. Supervised practice teaching is required.
Vocational & Educational Counselors	6,575	F	VF	\$10.84	\$18.55	\$24.28	A master's degree is generally required in fields of guidance, rehabilitation or psychological counseling.

• Occupational growth rates and job opening data are based on All-Industry projections through the year 2008.

• Long-Term Outlook and Short-Term Forecast descriptors are derived from projected employment growth and the level of employment for the occupation as a percentage of total employment.

• Wage data cover full-time, part-time and seasonal employees but exclude temporary and contractual workers. Wages include piece rates, commissions and cost-of-living allowances but exclude overtime and tips.

***data are not available

F Favorable
 VF Very Favorable
 UF Unfavorable
 VUF Very Unfavorable

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE JOBS?

CHILD CARE WORKERS AND PRESCHOOL

TEACHERS...instruct children (up to five years of age) in activities designed to promote social, physical and intellectual growth needed for primary school in preschool, day care center or other child development facility.

EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWERS...obtain information from both job applicants and employers in order to find the best combination of jobseeker and job. In social service agencies, these workers may also refer applicants to literacy programs or vocational training or help them obtain child care, transportation assistance or other services.

HUMAN SERVICES WORKERS...assist social group workers and caseworkers with developing, organizing and conducting programs to prevent and resolve problems relevant to substance abuse and human relationships. They aid families and clients in obtaining information on the use of social and community services. Human services workers also help clients to establish their eligibility for benefits and services, and provide follow up support.

SOCIAL WORKERS...help people cope with various problems. Medical and psychiatric social workers counsel about problems that may arise during or following the recovery from physical or mental illness by providing supportive services designed to help the persons understand, accept and follow medical recommendations. Other social workers aid those requiring social service assistance, including planning, organizing and working with community groups to solve problems.

TEACHER AIDES AND EDUCATION ASSISTANTS...provide instructional and clerical support for classroom teachers, assisting and supervising students in the classroom, cafeteria or schoolyard.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTORS...instruct both young adults and experienced workers. They teach not only the basic skills and knowledge required for entry-level occupations, but also the advanced skills required by new technology in the workplace.

VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL COUNSELORS... help job-seekers evaluate their education, work experience, interests and skills so that they can develop informed academic and career options. They may also help clients to develop good job-seeking skills.



■ WHAT IS THE JOB OUTLOOK?

Opportunities for human service workers are expected to be excellent for qualified applicants. It is expected to rank among the most rapidly growing occupations through 2008. Opportunities are expected to be best in job training programs, residential settings and private social service agencies. Demand for these services will expand with the growing number of older people, who are more likely to need services. In addition, rising crime and juvenile delinquency as well as increasing concern about services for the mentally ill, the mentally retarded, AIDS patients, and individuals and families in crisis will spur demand for social workers.

■ WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

The Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2000-01 Edition, contains many additional sources of information for over 250 occupations in all sectors of the economy. You may order the Handbook by contacting the U.S. Government Bookstore, 401 South State Street, Suite 124, Chicago, Illinois 60605-1297, 312/353-5133 or check out the online version at <http://stats.bls.gov/ocohome.htm>.

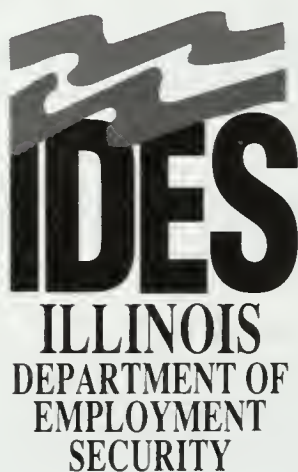
For access to other labor market and workforce information on the internet, visit the following sites:

IDES' home page: <http://www.ides.state.il.us>,

LMI Source: <http://lmi.ides.state.il.us>,

Workforce Info Center: <http://www.ILWorkInfo.com> and a site targeted towards high school students:

<http://www.workforceinfo.state.il.us>.



Career Guide Sources:

Illinois Department of Employment Security's "Occupational Projections" and "Occupational Employment Statistics Wage Data" and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' "Occupational Outlook Handbook"

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